# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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COMPLETION OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any plan to reduce the width of roads taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far for the completion of roads under PMGSY scheme in Kerala?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a)&(b): Width of Rural Roads is governed by Rural Roads manual IRC SP:20-2002. However, on receiving representations from some States, the Government has decided to reduce the width of roads taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), as per the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted to review Standards, Specifications and Design of Rural Roads for achieving economy in the cost of construction under PMGSY. The details of width are as under:-

1. Carriage Way width: Through Roads: 3.75 meter Link Roads#: 3.00 meter

# If a link road carries traffic more than 100 motorised vehicles per day,the carriageway width will be 3.75 meter.

2. Road Way Width: Through Roads: 7.5 meter Link Roads#: 6.00 meter

The widths indicated are for roads in straight sections. Additional width is to be provided at horizontal curves as per code IRC SP:20-2002.

(c): As per PMGSY Guidelines, implementation of the PMGSY is the responsibility of the State Governments. The State Governments have been advised to expedite the pace of execution of projects. On the part of the Ministry the following steps have been taken to facilitate timely completion of works under PMGSY.

# In order to improve contracting capacity in states, the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) has been amended to facilitate participation of small and medium as well as large contractors.

# The State Governments have been advised to deploy adequate number of dedicated Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) commensurate with their work load.

# The State Governments have been advised for e-tendering the projects under PMGSY to expedite the process of tendering and also to ensure transparency.

# Performance incentive for timely completion of projects has been introduced in September, 2006 under which contractors delivering projects within schedule are accorded higher weightage in qualification assessment in future contracts.

# State Governments have been advised to closely monitor the schedule of implementation and levy liquidated damages, wherever required.

# Review and monitoring meetings are being held regularly for proper monitoring of the progress.

# Ministry of Environmental and Forest approached to simplify procedures for forest clearance.

# Imparting training to the field personnel for building their capacity in programme implementation.

# State of Kerala has been allowed to use longitudinal gradient upto 1to 10 in small strechesin place of the 12.5 prescribed in IRC standards.